

In the Claims

1. (currently amended) A tongue cleaning device adapted to be pressed against a top surface of a user's mouth, comprising:

an elongated member integrally formed of a flexible material, said elongated member having a handle portion and a head portion;

said head portion for contact with the top surface; and

a cleaning portion comprising a first layer and second layer attached to the head portion of said elongated member, said first layer is said head portion of said elongated member and said second layer is backing material;

said cleaning portion further comprising a plurality of cleaning projections protruding outwardly from said second layer;

wherein said head portion of said elongated member is adapted to be pressed with the tongue against the top surface to conform the head portion to the shape thereof;

wherein said handle portion is of a deformable material for deforming around a user's teeth; and

wherein said head portion has a periphery which is sized and shaped to fit within the roof of a user's mouth.

2. (original) The tongue cleaning device of Claim 1 wherein said elongated member is integrally formed of a thin, flexible plastic material.

3. (original) The tongue cleaning device of Claim 1 wherein said cleaning portion comprises a backing material having an adhesive on a first surface thereof adhered to the head portion of said elongated member, and having a plurality of projections protruding from a second surface thereof.

4. (original) The tongue cleaning device of Claim 3 wherein the plurality of projections comprise a plurality of fiber loops.

5. (original) The tongue cleaning device of Claim 4 wherein the cleaning portion comprises a loop portion of a hook-and-loop fastening system.

6. (original) The tongue cleaning device of Claim 1 further comprising an anti-septic or antimicrobial compound carried in said cleaning portion.

7. (original) The tongue cleaning device of Claim 1 wherein the head portion of said elongated member is wider than the handle portion of said elongated member.

8. (previously amended) A tongue cleaning device adapted to be pressed against a top surface of a user's mouth, comprising:

an elongated planar member integrally formed of a thin, flexible plastic material, said elongated member having a handle portion and a head portion;

said head portion in contact with the top surface; and

a cleaning portion comprising a backing material having an adhesive on a first surface thereof adhered to the head portion of said elongated member, and having a plurality of fiber loops protruding from a second surface thereof;

wherein said head portion of said elongated member is pressed with the tongue against the top surface to conform the head portion to the shape thereof;

wherein said handle portion is of a deformable material for deforming around a user's teeth; and

wherein said head portion has a periphery which is sized and shaped to fit within the roof of a user's mouth.

9. (original) The tongue cleaning device of Claim 8 wherein the cleaning portion comprises a loop portion of a hook-and-loop fastening system.

10. (original) The tongue cleaning device of Claim 8 further comprising an anti-septic or antimicrobial compound carried in said cleaning portion.

11. (original) The tongue cleaning device of Claim 8 wherein the head portion of said elongated member is wider than the handle portion of said elongated member

12. (previously amended) A tongue cleaning device adapted to be pressed against a top surface of a user's mouth, comprising:

an elongated member integrally formed of a thin, flexible plastic material, said elongated member having a handle portion and a head portion, the head portion having a width greater than a width of the handle portion;

said head portion for contact with the top surface; and

a cleaning portion attached to the head portion of said elongated member, said cleaning portion comprising a backing material and a loop portion of a hook-and-loop fastening system; and

an antiseptic or antimicrobial compound carried in said cleaning portion;

wherein said head portion of said elongated member is adapted to be pressed with the tongue against the top surface to conform the head portion to the shape thereof;

wherein said handle portion is of a deformable material for deforming around a user's teeth; and

wherein said head portion has a periphery which is sized and shaped to fit within the roof of a user's mouth.